



HOPKINTON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Hopkinton was established in 1715 and gains widespread media attention each year in April when the internationally known Boston Marathon is run. Runners from all over the world gather on Main Street to begin their 26-mile run in what is always a colorful and exciting event. Hopkinton's resourcefulness and spirit is shared by Town residents, the local business and industrial communities, who volunteer and participate in town government, and contribute generously to community projects and programs. All play a part in carrying on the town's nearly 300 years of history and tradition as a caring place to live. Public and private recreational facilities in town include Hopkinton State Park, Whitehall State Park, the Town beach on Lake Maspenock, fishing, tennis courts, playgrounds, the Saddle Hill Country Club and the YMCA. Cultural events include the Hopkinton Polyarts Festival, Fourth of July parade and bonfire, and the summer concert series on the Town Common. The Town is proud of its community-supported educational system, its new, expanded, recycling facility and its leaf composting program. In an unusual welcoming gesture, the Board of Selectmen writes a letter to each new resident describing Hopkinton's facilities and programs and urging them to involve themselves in Town affairs as part of "warm and friendly Hopkinton".

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Upton on the southwest, Westborough on the northwest, Southborough on the north, Ashland on the northeast, Holliston on the southeast, and Milford on the south. Hopkinton is 17 miles east of Worcester, 26 miles west of Boston, and 195 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 28.17 sq. miles

Land Area: 26.56 sq. miles

Population: 9,191

Density: 346 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F
Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F
Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Milford, Holliston, Marlborough

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 497-9700

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1715

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered	5,954	
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Democrats	1,615	27.1 %	Republicans	1,121	18.8 %	Other parties	3	0.1 %	Unenrolled Voters	3,215	54.0 %
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Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Hopkinton town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	13,346	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	13,346	100.0
Male.....	6,586	49.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	177	1.3
Female.....	6,760	50.7	Mexican.....	30	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,323	9.9	Puerto Rican.....	66	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	1,391	10.4	Cuban.....	22	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	1,156	8.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	59	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	716	5.4	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	13,169	98.7
20 to 24 years.....	286	2.1	White alone.....	12,723	95.3
25 to 34 years.....	1,462	11.0	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,074	23.0	Total population.....	13,346	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,154	16.1	In households.....	13,193	98.9
55 to 59 years.....	545	4.1	Householder.....	4,444	33.3
60 to 64 years.....	322	2.4	Spouse.....	3,261	24.4
65 to 74 years.....	486	3.6	Child.....	4,921	36.9
75 to 84 years.....	321	2.4	Own child under 18 years.....	4,306	32.3
85 years and over.....	110	0.8	Other relatives.....	265	2.0
Median age (years).....	36.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	73	0.5
18 years and over.....	8,929	66.9	Nonrelatives.....	302	2.3
Male.....	4,300	32.2	Unmarried partner.....	112	0.8
Female.....	4,629	34.7	In group quarters.....	153	1.1
21 years and over.....	8,710	65.3	Institutionalized population.....	99	0.7
62 years and over.....	1,097	8.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	54	0.4
65 years and over.....	917	6.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	370	2.8	Total households.....	4,444	100.0
Female.....	547	4.1	Family households (families).....	3,624	81.5
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,209	49.7
One race.....	13,234	99.2	Married-couple family.....	3,261	73.4
White.....	12,856	96.3	With own children under 18 years.....	2,009	45.2
Black or African American.....	92	0.7	Female householder, no husband present.....	271	6.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	148	3.3
Asian.....	221	1.7	Nonfamily households.....	820	18.5
Asian Indian.....	67	0.5	Householder living alone.....	674	15.2
Chinese.....	95	0.7	Householder 65 years and over.....	240	5.4
Filipino.....	10	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,266	51.0
Japanese.....	7	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	638	14.4
Korean.....	29	0.2	Average household size.....	2.97	(X)
Vietnamese.....	5	-	Average family size.....	3.33	(X)
Other Asian ¹	8	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	6	-	Total housing units.....	4,548	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,444	97.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	104	2.3
Samoan.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	27	0.6
Some other race.....	39	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	112	0.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.5	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	4,444	100.0
White.....	12,960	97.1	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,009	90.2
Black or African American.....	116	0.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	435	9.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	43	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.08	(X)
Asian.....	272	2.0	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.91	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	0.1			
Some other race.....	66	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State	98
Conventional Federal	0

Rental Assistance (DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP)	5
Federal (Section 8)	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Hopkinton is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 135 and Interstates 90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike) and 495, which form an interchange on the border of Hopkinton and Westborough.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Hopkinton, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Hopkinton is not affiliated with a regional transit authority. LIFT offers hourly bus service between Hopkinton, Ashland and Framingham.

Other

The Worcester Municipal Airport, a Primary Commercial (PR) facility with scheduled passenger service, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 5,500' and 6,900' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

([Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#))

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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